

Appln. No.: 09/475,881

Preliminary Amendment Dated October 10, 2003

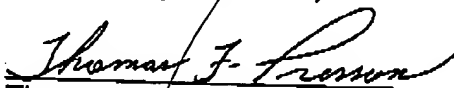
Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-8 are pending, Claims 1 and 5 are independent. Claims 1 and 5 are hereby amended. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination to facilitate prosecution.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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